GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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LINKING OF RIVERS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to involve Persons of IndianOrigin (PIOs)including corporates controlled by PIOs in massive projects like linking of rivers and to mobilise resources; and

(b) if so, the details of PIOs and corporates which have evinced interest in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) & (b) A Task Force on Inter-Linking of Riversunder the Chairmanship of Shri Suresh P. Prabhu, Member of Parliament,Lok Sabha has been constituted on 13.12.2002. The terms of reference of the Task Force inter alia include consideration of the various modalities for project funding. The Task Force has been given a time table for preparation of an Action Plan by 31st July, 2003 for giving alternative options for funding and execution of the project as also the suggested methods for cost recovery.